

## ALDERMEN CALL CITY DETECTIVES CROOKS

Report, Which Falls to Pass, Says Some Are Partners of Burglars.

### BUREAU SYSTEM RAPPED

Waldo and Dougherty Are Criticized for Lack of Efficiency.

The Curran Aldermanic committee again failed to muster a quorum yesterday morning to consider the section of its report on the detective bureau. This section criticizes Commissioner Waldo and Deputy Commissioner Dougherty for administration and discipline and says that a partnership exists between some detectives and criminals by which these detectives share in the profits of crime.

Alderman Shipley, who absented himself from Wednesday's meeting, was on hand yesterday, but Alderman Downing, who declined to vote for Waldo's removal, stayed away yesterday. Alderman Esterbrook, one of the Mayors' "four pitiful little Aldermen," still has tonsillitis.

The next meeting of the committee has been called for Monday morning on the report as a whole. All the members of the committee have said they would attend.

Under the title "Corruption in the Detective Bureau" the report says: "That an alliance exists between some detectives and criminals, as a result of which the profits of crime are divided, and that detectives often inspire the commission of crimes in order to make arrests, have been proved to our satisfaction."

The report then takes up the story of Benjamin Levy, who testified before the committee that at the request of officials of the detective bureau he had induced criminals to commit burglary in order that they might be arrested. In the African Feather Company burglary, he testified, Deputy Commissioner Dougherty gave him \$25 to buy burglar's tools and \$75 more for his services.

### Vouchers for Amounts.

City vouchers for these amounts in Levy's favor were found in the Comptroller's office, the report says.

"Notwithstanding the shocking testimony," the committee's report continues, "the Commissioner has taken no action. It is not surprising that under such lax discipline some detectives turn thieves. Many other accusations of official dishonesty were made before us."

The report arrives at these conclusions: "The detective bureau is inefficient. There exists a partnership between some detectives and criminals. Incompetent administration and inadequate supervision are responsible. The method of selecting detectives is unsatisfactory."

"The abolition of the special squads has been detrimental to the work. The destruction of photographs of unconvicted professional criminals and the abandonment of the practice of photographing prisoners have crippled the work of detectives. The discontinuance of the 'line-up' has injured the work of the bureau."

"There is no system under which the criminal records of persons on trial are furnished in any cases to the presiding judge. The system of reports and records is wholly inadequate. Many complaints of citizens are suppressed by detectives. They also readily deceive the Commission. Members of the detective bureau should not be assigned to Magistrate's courts for the purpose of serving warrants issued by the Magistrates on complaints of citizens made directly to the courts."

The recommendations are that: "The reasons for assigning or removing detectives be recorded in detail; detectives be chosen only because they show promise of detective skill; the personnel of the bureau be kept as nearly constant as possible; the special squads be re-established; photographs and identification records taken up; the 'line-up' of prisoners at Headquarters be re-established; the system of reports and records in the detective bureau be thoroughly overhauled."

Commissioner Waldo had no comment to make yesterday on this section of the report.

### Dougherty Scores Report.

Deputy Commissioner Dougherty said:

"The bulletin on the detective division issued by the committee of Aldermen is a sample of malice and lies worthy of the trade of a professional crook. The Aldermen have lined up with convicted thieves on their side against the word of hardworking, honest detectives."

"It is too absurd to discuss in detail and besides I haven't time to fight with politicians."

"The accusations against the detectives made by Levy and others were presented to the District Attorney by me to act on as he saw fit. If there is anything irregular in the information imported to me by Benjamin Levy would the bills for his services have been sent in the regular way to the Comptroller's office?"

When Chairman Curran read Dougherty's statement he said:

"The Deputy Commissioner has apparently overlooked two points, the investigation of the robbery by Levy and the disappearance of \$1,500 worth of feathers."

The committee made public yesterday also the section of its report dealing with the surgical bureau and various special squads of the Police Department. The report says that efficiency cannot be secured so long as surgeons divide their attention between official duties and private practice.

The report also condemns the practice of permitting police surgeons to give medical attention to the families of members of the department for fees.

The report recommends the abolition of the tenement house squad, the health department squad and the boiler squad and the turning over of their duties to the several city departments involved.

Recommendation is also made that the duties now performed by the clerical staff, the men assigned to the telegraph bureau, the public offices, the property clerk's office, the Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, and by messengers, custodians and chauffeurs should be performed by civilian employees, and that the administrative head of the Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, which expends nearly \$1,000,000 a year, should be a civilian of business experience chosen under the civil service.

## SHEEHAN RILES P. S. C.

Protests Commissioner Williams as a Former B. R. T. Employee.

Public Service Commissioner George V. S. Williams had a tiff yesterday with Cornelius Sheehan, who represented the Allied Board of Trade of Brooklyn at a hearing on the absorption of the Coney Island and Brooklyn by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company.

"I protest against Commissioner Williams sitting in this case," said Mr. Sheehan. "He used to be employed by the B. R. T. and he ought not to judge a case in which the B. R. T.'s interest is involved."

Commissioner Williams bristled up and said that he hadn't tried cases for the B. R. T. at any time in the last ten years. In the contrary, he had been the lawyer in more damage cases against the company than any other man in Brooklyn.

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## WHY MURPHY TURNS HIS BACK ON COHALAN

Has No Quarrel With Him, but Is Angry at His Brother, the Surrogate.

### NEARLY STRUCK HIM ONCE

Friendship Between Justice and Boss Cooled After Senatorial Deadlock.

Alfred B. Cruikshank, the only man who can give first hand testimony concerning the truth of the charges that John A. Connolly has made against Supreme Court Justice Cohalan, returned yesterday from the West, ready, he said, to appear as a witness before the grievance committee of the Bar Association.

Mr. Cruikshank will be called upon to explain why Mr. Cohalan returned to Connolly \$3,840.50 which Cohalan says he earned for professional services; what kind of pledge was taken in Cohalan's behalf as regards secrecy; what other measures were taken to prevent the story ever getting out; what the understanding was between Cohalan and Connolly when the latter gave him his note for \$4,000, and why he, Cruikshank, altered the affidavit that accompanied the note.

Mr. Cruikshank issued a brief statement yesterday to the effect that he would be a witness before the grievance committee and could not properly therefore discuss the Cohalan case. It is known, however, that Mr. Cruikshank has no desire to conceal information. He will take the position that he was Connolly's legal representative when the note and affidavit were made and that he had a right to make any change he saw fit in the affidavit. It is likely that Mr. Cruikshank will be questioned on Monday by Einar J. Christy, counsel for the grievance committee.

Mr. Christy is hard at work laying the beatings of the Bar Association's inquiry. Yesterday he had another conference with Connolly. It was understood that he talked over the telephone with Justice Cohalan and learned that the Justice was ready to appear whenever requested. First, however, the grievance committee wants to sift the stories of Connolly and Cruikshank. The Justice maintained his attitude of having nothing to say for publication.

The story that Charles F. Murphy had turned his back on his former confidential adviser, Cohalan, because of a quarrel with Surrogate John P. Cohalan, the Justice's brother, was flatly contradicted yesterday. One unusually well informed said:

"All Tammany is surprised that Murphy hasn't come to Dan Cohalan's help, but his silence doesn't mean that the quarrel with John P. Cohalan affects his relations with Daniel F. Cohalan. The truth is, the Surrogate has been trying for two years or more to get through the Legislature a bill permitting him to appoint appraisers of estates. As things are now, those jobs are the perquisites of the organization. There are eight of them at \$4,000, each held by Tammany district leaders."

"Well, Murphy had been able to smother every attempt to give the Surrogate the appointing power, but recently Surrogate Cohalan almost got the bill through. Murphy heard of it just in time, rushed up to Albany, killed the bill and then had a hot argument with the Surrogate. Murphy and the Surrogate almost came to blows. At a dinner party in Delmonico's Murphy said to a friend: 'I never came so near hitting a man without doing it in my life.'"

"But Murphy's row with the Surrogate has nothing to do with his feeling toward the Justice. They haven't quarreled, but their former friendship has gradually cooled. Dan Cohalan could never forgive Murphy for not advancing his ambition to be a United States Senator."

Friends Looked for Justice on Celtic. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. QUENOWEN, June 6.—Several friends of Justice Daniel F. Cohalan arrived here today expecting that he would be on board the Celtic. They were unaware of the fact that the Justice had postponed his sailing from New York because of the Connolly charges.

### MILLER'S PLAN TO CUT COSTS.

Bronx President Favors Study of Food Supply; Then Action.

BIRMINGHAM, June 6.—On the second day of the fourth conference of New York State Mayors and other city officials here addresses were made on "Municipal Transportation in Its Relation to a City Plan," by Daniel L. Turner of New York, deputy chief of the Public Safety Department, and on "What the City Can Do to Reduce the Cost of Living," by Cyrus C. Miller, President of the Borough of the Bronx, New York, city, and on "Seague Crapshoot—What the City Do to Solve the Problem," by Prof. George C. Whipple, professor of sanitary engineering, Harvard University.

President Miller in his address said: "The city can help to cut the cost of the necessities of life by providing terminal markets, by supervising and inspecting the marketing so that the interests of all are safeguarded, by giving publicity to market conditions so that the people can market more intelligently, by educating our youth to the dignity and importance of agriculture and by aiding nearby farmers to improve production and to market their goods advantageously."

"Retailing is now the most expensive link in the chain of distribution. The retailer adds 15 per cent. to the cost of food for distribution. Perfectly fresh produce some one will work out a plan whereby the common sight of ten wagons in one street distributing goods to ten families for delivery a distance of a few feet or delivering to ten families."

"It seems to me that it would pay every city to make, through some designated official or board, a careful study of the sources and distribution of its food supply. I think that such a study will show that the season of production in the districts surrounding the cities of our State is shorter than the season during which fresh produce is demanded, and that a terminal wholesale market, to be really useful, must include facilities for the receipt and sale of railroad shipments from other sections of the country during our off seasons, as well as facilities for our nearby farmers during their season."

"The consumers as a class are the least intelligent in their efforts to bring about better conditions, because they are necessarily unorganized and are slow to check extravagant habits."

Costs \$2 to Throw Papers on the Grass. Magistrate Murphy fined sixteen men \$2 each yesterday in the Essex Market court for throwing newspapers on the grass and walks in Madison Square Park.

## WON'T ADMIT DOCTOR TO BAR.

Court Upholds Association's Action Against Dr. Knapp.

Dr. Mark L. Knapp of 414 Madison avenue, who has